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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **STATION FIRE UPDATE**

*(Shelters, Evacuations, Community Meeting, School and Road Closures)*

#### **For Immediate Release**

**LOS ANGELES (Wed., Sept. 2, 2009 – 4:00 p.m.)** – The Station Fire started off of Angeles Crest Highway (SR 2) about one mile above Angeles Crest Fire Station around 3:30 p.m., Wed., Aug. 26. Los Angeles County Fire reported that this fire has burned 140,150 acres (that area encompasses 219 square miles) and is 22 percent contained as of 3 p.m., Wed., Sept. 2. Approximately 10,000 residences are threatened at this time (500 commercial structures and 2000 outbuildings). Over 4,128 personnel are working the fire. 62 residences and recreational cabins have been confirmed as destroyed. The Station Fire continues to burn within the Angeles National Forest and near surrounding foothill communities of La Canada-Flintridge, Altadena, La Crescenta, Acton, Aliso Canyon, Soledad Canyon, Pasadena, Mt. Wilson, Mt. Lukens and Sunland-Tujunga.

Two Los Angeles County firefighters were killed Sun., Aug. 30, as they were fighting the Station Fire.

Six injuries have been reported. Law enforcement and Fire personnel are urging residents in the area to be ready to evacuate if you are near the fire boundary. Do not hesitate to move to a designated evacuation center.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger visited the Station Fire Incident Command Post based at Hansen Dam in Lake View Terrace this morning around 8:15 a.m., Wed., Sept. 2. Joining him were Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor, Michael D. Antonovich, Los Angeles County Fire Chief, P. Michael Freeman, Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca and Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management Administrator, John Fernandes.

The Governor proclaimed a state of emergency for Los Angeles County on Aug. 28. Chief Executive Officer, William T Fujioka of Los Angeles County has proclaimed a local emergency due to the various wildfires.

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**Community Meeting:**

A community meeting will take place this evening, Weds., Sept. 2, at 7:00 p.m. at Wrightwood Elementary School, 1175 Highway 2, Wrightwood, CA 92397. The meeting will be hosted by San Bernardino County Fire. Part of Wrightwood is in Los Angeles County. Los Angeles County Fire Chief, Tripp will also be in attendance.

**Law Enforcement Agencies involved:**

- LAPD
- CHP
- Glendale Police
- Long Beach Police
- Whittier Police
- Orange County Sheriff's Office
- Monrovia Police
- Huntington Park Police
- El Monte Police
- South Gate Police
- Downey Police
- Pomona Police
- Bell PD
- Bell Gardens PD
- Maywood PD
- Montebello PD
- Vernon PD
- Gardena PD
- Hawthorne PD
- Hermosa Beach PD
- Inglewood PD
- Manhattan Beach PD
- Torrance PD
- Redondo Beach PD
- El Segundo PD

**American Red Cross Shelters:**

- **Golden Valley High School**  
(27051 Robert C. Lee Pkwy - Santa Clarita, 91350)
- **Marie Kerr Park Recreational Center**  
(2723 A Rancho Vista Blvd., Palmdale, 93550)
- **La Canada High School**  
(4463 Oak Grove Dr., La Canada Flintridge, 91011-3797)
- **Verdugo Hills High School**  
(10625 Plainview Avenue, Tujunga, 91042)

**Pet Evacuation Centers (Large and Small Animals)**

- **Pierce College**  
39055 Winnetka Ave., Woodland Hills (boarding horses/big animals)

- **Pasadena Humane Society**  
361 S. Raymond, Pasadena
- **Humane Society**  
401 N. Verdugo, Glendale
- **East Valley Shelter**  
(For Tujunga Residents) 14409 Vanowen St., Van Nuys, 91405 - 888-452-7381
- **Baldwin Park Shelter**  
(For Altadena Residents) 4275 N. Elton St., Baldwin Park, 626-962-3577

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**School Closures:**

The Los Angeles County Office of Education announced the following information in regards to the Station Fire-related school districts for Thurs., Sept. 3. \*Please note that Glendale Unified School District will resume a normal school schedule beginning tomorrow morning.\*

- Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District-Schools Not in session until Sept. 8
- Antelope Valley Joint Union High School District-All schools Open
- Arcadia Unified School District-All schools open
- Burbank Unified School District-All schools open
- Glendale Unified School District-All schools open
- Keppel Union School District-All schools open
- La Canada Unified School District-All schools open
- Los Angeles Unified School District-School in the impacted are not in session until Sept. 9
- Monrovia Unified School District-All schools open
- Newhall School District-All schools open
- Pasadena Unified School District-Schools not in session until Sept. 10
- Saugus Union School District-All schools open
- Sulphur Springs Union School District-All schools open
- William S. Hart Unified High School District-All schools open

**Mandatory Evacuations and Road Closures:**

**Glendale:**

**Altadena:**

- Chaney Trail at Angeles National Forest Gate-Road closed

**Tujunga:**

- On and north of Day Street between Haines canyon Road and Lowe Avenue-Los Angeles City

**Angeles National Forest**

- Angeles Crest Highway between Big Pines Highway and the National Forest Boundary in La Canada Flintridge-Road closure
- Little Tujunga Rd. between Placerita Canyon Road and Osborne Street-Road Closure
- Big Tujunga Rd. between Mt. Gleason Avenue and Angeles Forest Highway-Road Closure

For more information on road closures access the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works' website at <http://www.dpw.lacounty.gov>.

**Information for Residents:**

- LA County.gov – Emergency Alerts
- LA County 211
- L.A. County Department of Mental Health ACCESS Center 1-800 854-7771

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- American Red Cross-1 (866) GET-INFO
- For area closures and current evacuation information check out the Los Angeles County Fire web-site at <http://www.fire.lacounty.gov>. Click on: “Ready! Set! Go! For areas that may need to evacuate in the near future.
- In the event of an evacuation recommended by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, residents are urged to register their telephone and cellular numbers at Alert LA County <http://portal@lacounty.gov/wps/portal/alertla>
- To view a map of the fire areas, go to <http://gis.lacounty.gov/FireFlex/>

**Health Advisory:**

Los Angeles Department of Public Health has issued a hazardous air quality advisory. Poor air quality is rapidly becoming a concern due to falling ash and potentially toxic smoke from burned materials. Health advisories and other public health information can be found at <http://www.lapublichealth.org/>. Extreme heat continues to be a problem. Residents are urged to stay indoors if at all possible. A list of cooling centers operated by L.A. County can be found at <http://css.lacounty.gov/docs/July%202009%20Community%20Cooling%20Centers.pdf>.

**Power Advisory:**

Southern California Edison urges its customers in the Santa Clarita, Lancaster and Palmdale areas to conserve energy due to transmission lines that have been damaged by the Station Fire. Edison officials asked customers to turn off and unplug any unnecessary electrical equipment, especially sensitive electronics.

Customers are advised to keep flashlights handy in case a service interruption occurs, not to use candles for lighting because they could pose a fire hazard, and not to cook indoors with charcoal or other fossil fuels not meant for indoor use because they could turn deadly.

If a power outage occurs, one light switch should be left in the on position to serve as a signal when service has been restored.

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